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25×11. The ship repair yard "imeni Kominterna" was located on the north bank of the First Quarantine Island (Pervyy Karantinnyy Ostrov) on the Dnepr River near Kherson (N 46-40, E 32-35). The yard was approximately 700 m long and 200 m wide. It was surrounded on three sides by a fence. In some parts the fence was made of rocks, in other places of wood, and portions of it were of wire. The average height was approximately two and a half meters. The side of the yard which was not fenced off was next to the water's edge. At the water's edge were river tugboats, placed on keel blocks and supports, undergoing repairs. This was the only type repair work done at the yard from 1946 to 1952, though submarine hulls had been built there in 1938. A pontoon bridge spanned the Koshevaya River and connected the repair yard with the town of Kherson. The bridge was approximately 100 meters long and six meters wide; it was used for both pedestrian and truck traffic, and had a movable center section to allow boat traffic to pass.

| Detween 1,000 and 1,500 people were employed at the yard. There were three working shifts:

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the first frem 0800 to 1600; the second from 1600 to 2400; and the third frem 2400 to 0800. Employees came to work either by motor beat or over the pontoon bridge. There were two large buildings and several small ones in the yard. A large red building was approximately 45 m, wide and 80 m, long. A gray building was approximately 50 m, wide and 40 m, long. The security of the yard was maintained by a group of civilians who also acted as a fire-fighting group in the event of a fire. The ship repair yard received supplies by truck and by water.

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The ship capacity of five tons.

- 2. Numitions Plant Number 975 was located on the southeast bank of Pervyy Karantinnyy Ostrov. Functors around the town that the plant was making terpedoes and equipment for outfitting submarines. The plant employed approximately 3,000 people. It received its supplies and material by truck and by boat.
 - 3. A reinferred concrete fleating dry dock was located in the Keshevaye River near its entrance to the Drepr River. It was approximately 50 m. wide and 100 m. long.
- 4. An oil depet was located downstream from Munitiens Plant Number 875.

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